



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

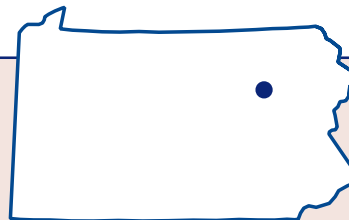
*Earth Conservancy, City
of Nanticoke and
Hanover Township, PA*

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Earth Conservancy was selected to receive a cleanup grant. The targeted site previously was mined for anthracite coal and was left environmentally degraded when the Blue Coal Corporation abandoned the mines after declaring bankruptcy in the mid 1970s. The Concrete City site borders the City of Nanticoke and Luzerne County Community College in the greater Hanover Township area, where more than 37% of the population earns less than \$25,000 annually. Once the site is cleaned up, Earth Conservancy plans to develop it for community recreational use, including a recreational facility with playing fields and other amenities. The project is expected to enrich the quality of life and aesthetics of an area that has suffered for decades



Cleanup Grant

**New
2003**

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Earth Conservancy for a cleanup grant. The cleanup grant will target Concrete City, a 25-acre, mine-scarred site near an existing suburban neighborhood in the City of Nanticoke and Hanover Township, in Luzerne County, PA.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bfs/index.htm>

Grant Recipient: Earth Conservancy
570-823-3445

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Earth Conservancy has not received funding for brownfields grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

from the environmental, physical, and psychological impacts of living near an industrial wasteland. By eliminating a significant source of acid mine drainage runoff, reclamation of the site will improve the environmental health of the Nanticoke Creek Watershed, which empties into the Susquehanna River, a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay.